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REPLY BRIEF

The following remarks are directed to the points of argument raised in the Examiner's Answer dated June 25, 2007.

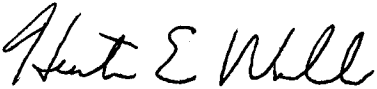
In Section 10 (1) of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner argues that "...the transaction type [sic] are, for example, e-mail, ftp, fox Ipr...etc." Examiner's Answer, page 11, first paragraph. However, the examples provided by the Office do not define the character of the data as defined and claimed in the claimed invention. While limitations from the specification cannot be brought into the claims, the claims must be read in light of the specification. In this vein, the specification gives several examples of transaction types, such as the invoice type and order type in Fig. 3. Neither of these examples of transaction types, nor any other indication in the specification teaches or suggests that the transaction types of the claimed invention may be a transmission. Instead, the transaction types of the claimed invention define the character of the data (e.g., what it is used for). To this extent, there is no support for the Office's equating of a

transaction type of the claimed invention, which defines a character of the data, with the transmission methods of Endo. Accordingly, Appellant respectfully submits that the Office's argument is without merit.

In Section 10 (2) of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner argues, essentially, that since Endo teaches one received format, it teaches the one of a plurality of received formats as claimed in the claimed invention. In doing so, the Examiner ignores the fact that the claimed invention claims a plurality of received formats. The claimed invention does not merely teach a one to many conversion as the Examiner asserts and admits that Endo teaches. Rather, different received communications in the claimed invention may have different formats. While it is true that a single communication in the claimed invention may have a single format, another communication that is prior or subsequent may have a completely different format. This is borne out in the language of the claims, which recites "one of a plurality of received formats." Endo does not teach this ability to receive data having different formats. Accordingly, the Examiner's argument is without merit.

For the reasons set forth herein and in the Appeal Brief, it is further submitted that the Final Rejection of Claims 1-21 should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,


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